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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1950 (Thursday)
Spokesmen for the Bonneville power administration and the California Oregon Power company have agreed to join their transmission lines at Klamath Falls and make additional power available to southwest Oregon.
A Grants Pass flyer made an emergency landing in a field between Central Point and Medford yesterday without incident after his plane ran out of gas.

20 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1940 (Saturday)
The Big Lakes Lumber company baseball team from Klamath Falls gave up after 8 1/2 innings of a ball game yesterday, with the Medford Craters ahead by a score of 16-1.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Old Smo beamed radically the past week, but people sweated cheerfully, as they know the hotter it gets here, the more so it will be in Somaliland, Africa, where Mussolini's troops are fainting and fainting."

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1930 (Sunday)
Medford Mayor Pipes favors a ban on "tree-sitting" by small boys because it is bad for their health and "productive of no good." Four Medford youths are now sitting in trees hoping to set world records.

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1920 (Monday)
Water wells in the Sams Valley district are at their lowest point in years.
A. L. Parkhurst, Crater Lake lodge manager, announced he will quit this fall.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1910 (Wednesday)
J. C. Barnum, president and owner of the Rogue River Valley railway, has announced plans to erect a \$75,000 four-story hotel at the corner of Fifth and Front sts.
The president of the Oregon Trunk line has announced plans to extend the railroad across the Cascades and into Medford where it will connect with Pacific and Eastern railroad track.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Name the seventh day of the week.
2. Who was Vice President during Washington's second term?
3. How much is 2x2x2x2x2?
4. Does the Navy have a goat or a donkey for a mascot?
5. Does milk average 67, 78, or 87 per cent water?
6. Does the Chief Justice of the U. S. vote only in case of a tie in the Supreme Court?
7. Fill in the missing words to Poe's "The Raven": "Once... while I pondered, weak and weary..."
8. Under which President was the Tennessee River Muscle Shoals project begun?
9. Did Scott, Tennyson, or Hawthorne write "Ivanhoe"?
10. How many square feet are in a square yard?
Answers: 1. Saturday, 2. John Adams, 3. 32, 4. Goat, 5. 87, 6. No, He votes on all matters, 7. ... upon a midnight dreary ... Woodrow Wilson, 8. Scott, 10. Nine.

A Law Is a Law

Let us grant that the dog control measures which appeared on the May 20 election ballots in Jackson county and Medford were worded confusingly.

Let us grant that some people undoubtedly voted "for" when they meant to vote "against" letting dogs run at large—or vice versa.

Let us also grant that a dog control ordinance is a difficult and fairly expensive one to enforce.

But in granting these things let us remember that these do not constitute any excuse for public officials to violate the will of the people, expressed at the polls according to law, by declining to make any arrangements to enforce the laws which will become effective at the end of this month.

A CERTAIN tendency to shrug off responsibility for enforcement of these laws on the part of both county and city officials, evident over the past couple of months, was confirmed by the digging of a Mail Tribune reporter, and set forth in a story which appeared in last Sunday's paper.
A law is a law. A duty is a duty.
And failure to enforce a duly-passed law is nonfeasance in office.
Whether one agrees or disagrees with the law makes no difference. Whether it's difficult to enforce makes no difference. Whether it's expensive to enforce makes no difference. And whether, deep down in one's secret heart, one believes the voters were misled, makes no difference either.

FOR the record, here are the results of the dog control vote in both city and county, as officially recorded in the county elections division:
Jackson county:
For dogs running at large—8,813.
Against dogs running at large—10,539.
City of Medford:
For dogs running at large—2,342.
Against dogs running at large—5,087.

The vote was close enough in the county to make almost tenable the theory that enough people were confused on the ballot wording so that the actual intent of the people is in doubt.

NOT so in the city of Medford.
That large a margin is decisive, whether or not a few voters were confused. The only conclusion is that almost five out of every seven voters want dogs controlled inside the Medford city limits.

There has been no agitation for a re-vote, as there has been in several sections of the county. There is no excuse whatsoever for the city to shrug off its responsibility.—E.A.

Challenge to the U. N.

In the chaotic crisis in the Congo, the United Nations is facing up to its most difficult—perhaps even its most dangerous—challenge in recent years.

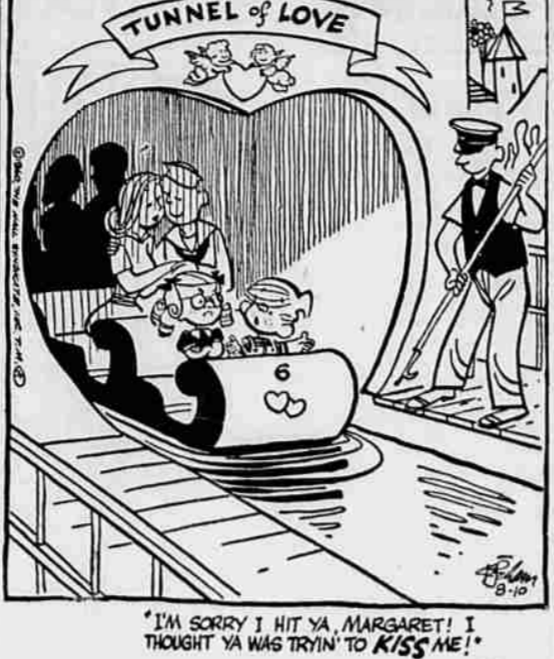
Dag Hammarskjold is faced with pressures from a hundred different directions; by jealousies and suspicions; by political naivete and political ambition; by unrestrained passions; by tribal taboos and big-power sensitivities.

If the U.N. can bring order and law and enlightenment and cooperation out of this mess, the U.N. can really be said to have grown up.

THERE are those among us who revile the U.N., who mistrust it, who would pull America out of it.
But twice in very recent memory it has averted what could easily have turned into a worldwide war of annihilation—once when the North Koreans swept down on the Republic of Korea, and were pushed back and held by U.N. forces; and again when Britain, France and Israel began their desperate and dangerous invasion of Egypt, after the nationalization of the Suez canal.

In those two actions the U.N. has earned not only our gratitude and confidence, but has cost us in blood, tears and treasure had the U.N. not acted.
IN THE Congo, the U.N. is entering a new and challenging phase of its existence.
It is cementing the precedent of using a "police force" of international composition. It is venturing into an area of diplomacy and administration and pacification never before successfully attempted by an international organization. It is getting awfully close to running the internal affairs of a country which cannot, as yet, anyway, run them itself.
If it can pull it off; if it can pass the miracle of international cooperation and good will which it is attempting, it will be even more firmly established, not only as the only world forum we have, but more important, as an increasingly effective policeman and international arbiter—a strong force for world peace.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

People and Creatures
To the Editor: Those who wish me to write something funny so they can grin some more are using fans to keep them cool.
I have a fan, but this brain can't think during sultry weather. Oh, well, anything I write will not require thought.
One tells me to write about people. That's easy, I like them. I even like their mistakes because they give me faith to live with my own. I like the sinful folk because they had the nerve to do what I didn't dare. I like the meanies, for I often get up with a large chip on my shoulder and I can watch the meanies and second the motion. I like the goodie-goodies because they are such good examples to the rest of us. As I said—I like people.

Mostly, I even like me until the blameworthy mirror shows me up, the thin spot in my hair, broad middle, big feet. Ugh!
That poem some smarty wrote about a dab o' powder, a touch o' paint making an ugly woman look like what she ain't, helps.
I shall work at it.
There are many people I'd like to know. For instance, Lynn M. Watkins who writes "Small World Around Us." I'd like to tell him about little "people" of the wilds I've known: The "porkies" that clattered our ax-handle at night while gnawing to taste the salty sweat; a large snapping turtle that learned to accept bugs from my fingers; a hoot owl's maniacal laughter that made my bones all shivery; small wings and legs I've set and cared for 'til they brought trust in me.
People who do not know the little creatures, are missing so very much.
I keep a pan of fresh water in the edge of a flower bed for my pet toad. A toad is worth a lot to a garden.
Each night an old mongrel dog comes there to drink—or did. Two children spied him before he got his drink one night and they stoned him as long as he was in reach. Then a woman took up the chase until the harmless old fellow was out of sight.
He hasn't returned.
I liked F. J. Clifford's letter to Communications Sunday, Aug. 7. If every child had chores to do, there would be less naughtiness.
Paper boys, for instance, are very good, young citizens. See you at the Fifty Plus Club Friday.
Gram
Jacksonville, Ore.

Imaginary Ghosts
To the Editor: The other day, while out for a breath of fresh air during my lunch hour, I experienced that which, for lack of a better word, might well be called "pathetic."
Near Front at Sixth, I heard the blaring siren of an enormous diesel engine hauling a string of freight cars northward, warning pedestrians and cars of its approach.
At the intersection, I saw a young mother with a 4-year-old child in tow. While the mother was busy adjusting a package or two preparatory to crossing, the little girl raised her right arm opening and closing her pudgy little fingers in a gesture of waving by-bye.
This episode brought forth disturbing memories of some long, long ago yesterdays, and paths for the little girl who childishly saluted the imaginary ghosts of imaginary passengers of an imaginary friendly Southern Pacific.
George Distell
156 Vashiti way
Medford.

Age Limit?
To the Editor: Republicans are using Kennedy's age, 43 years, as being too youthful for a president of the United States. I thought that ex-president Harry S. Truman was hinting at the same thing. In a letter to him I asked the following question:
"Do you favor a Constitutional amendment which would specify that presidential and vice presidential candidates must be at least 45 years of age?"
No answer.
What do you Republicans think of it?
David Frisch
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The Religious Question
To the Editor: Many of us appreciate the broad view you have. You have shown this by printing so many of our letters in the Mail Tribune. We know that you cannot possibly agree with all of us. It is hoped that you will continue by your actions in promoting one of America's precious heritages, that of freedom of the press.
In the forthcoming political battle, for that's what it looks like it will be, we'll have a grandstand view of some very interesting events.
This republic was founded on the principles of religious freedom. I don't believe any of us should lightly take that freedom. We owe much to those men who would not sacrifice principle for greed or monetary gain.
The want of the world today is for men who can neither be bought or sold, men who are as true to principle as the needle is to the pole.
Many seem to be concerned over the possibility of a Catholic for president. Perhaps a quotation here from the June 19 "Register," an official Catholic publication, might throw some light on the question. Some might wonder why many Protestants seem to object to a Catholic running for president. Here is the statement under the heading, "We can make U.S.A. Catholic":
"Often have I wished that I could be alive when the great sweep into the church occurs in the United States. I have always felt that there will be a tidal wave of conversions, and that Protestantism will disappear into history, or be left as only a small body."
This Register article then says, "The Catholic church today is the very church that Christ personally founded on the Rock that is Peter and the succeeding Popes. There can be no questioning the fact that this church is divinely protected in her teachings and has the straight doctrine of Christ."
Now this is not being written for the sake of argument. However most non-Catholics question the above statements. They have fresh in their minds recent happenings in Colombia. Prior to that they think of European history when the church dominated the state. Along with this they have been told that Rome never changes.
The writer fondly looks to the day when the God of Heaven will set up His everlasting Kingdom. Then and only then will there be peace.
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Political Stability Still Eludes Young South Korean Republic; Law Rule Lacking

By SAMUEL KIM
Seoul—UPI—If South Korea's National Assembly elections proved anything it was that political stability still is a long way off in the young anti-Communist republic.
The violence that accompanied the elections showed that the rule of law—which broke down during the "revolution" that toppled strongman Syngman Rhee from power three months ago—still has not been reestablished firmly.
Too many people in South Korea still have the idea that they can accomplish their aims by demonstrations. This idea prevails because of the success of demonstrations against the corrupt Rhee regime.
Police Demoralized
The police still are demoralized as a result of the public uprisings and show little ability to handle determined demonstrators.
Officials are reluctant to use army troops again to maintain order except in isolated cases and only if a person's income or wealth, if they were obliged to contribute to Social Security because of their particular occupation they would then be eligible for free medical care.
For those who think that the medical profession should be socialized, ponder the fact that the high and the wealthy of other socialized nations frequently come to this country for medical attention.
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School Boundary Change
To the Editor: On Aug. 11 the boundary board is meeting to consider the transfer of valuable property from the Phoenix-Talent school district to the Medford school district.
If the Jackson County Reorganization committee had done its duty when this matter was presented to them last month, this boundary change could not even be considered at this time. The purpose of having the reorganization committee pass on all boundary changes after reorganization is to protect the assessed valuation and enrollment of the smaller districts so that they will be able to carry on an adequate educational program.
The voters consolidated the Phoenix and Talent districts under the reorganization law for the purpose of improving their school program. This consolidation was approved by the local reorganization committee, as well as by the state authorities.
Regardless of the wishes, or even the welfare, of a small pressure group who are in a new real estate development at the outer edge of the school district, it was the clear duty of the reorganization committee to consider the welfare of the whole Phoenix-Talent district and refuse to transfer property from a smaller district, which needed the students and property, to a huge overgrown district like Medford.

However, they voted 4 to 2 in favor of the transfer, with 2 members not present. At least 3 of the affirmative voters live or own property in the Medford school district. The south end of the valley had no representation on the committee. To decide a matter as vital as this an impartial board should pass on it. Either the Medford members should not have voted, or the state committee should have the jurisdiction. If this type of decision is being made in other districts, it is not surprising that there is a growing sentiment all over the state to repeal the reorganization law.
The present school district reorganization committee did not do its duty when it allowed such a transfer to be permitted, and there should be an investigation of this matter at state level.
Those interested should appear at the Courthouse auditorium at 9 p.m., Aug. 11, to attend the boundary board hearing.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howard
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Clafin
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hamilton
Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Kantor
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd T. Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swingle
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Staggers

Natural Foods Meeting
To the Editor: The fifth annual state convention of Natural Food Associates will be held in Medford this year on Thursday, Aug. 25. The keynote of the convention is "Survival in the atomic age." The entire program centers around foods that are known to maintain health.
The principal speaker will be Miss Alfreda Rooke of Escondido, Calif. Miss Rooke has had 20 years experience teaching and supervising in health education in California schools, and is a nationally known authority on nutrition. Miss Rooke was an instructor for eight years in nutrition at the University of California College of Dentistry, department of dental hygiene, is educational consultant for the American Academy of Applied Nutrition, and curator of the Dr. Weston A. Price research studies; and is clinical nutrition counselor for dentists, orthopedists, allergists, and others.
There will be displays of organically produced foods and the evening banquet will be prepared entirely from such foods. Every effort is being made to make this convention of real value nutritionally to all who participate. Interested persons are urged to attend. Registration fee is \$1 and dinner tickets \$2.50 with reservations limited to 225 persons. Wilson Elementary school, at Grant and Corvallis sts., will house the all-day session.
Anna Streed
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Medford

Slow Burn
To the Editor: Articles in Sunday's paper should make the public do a slow burn.
This being an election year, all we hear is "Get Out and Vote," it's your duty, etc. Well, we did vote in May for a dog leash law. No, it wasn't what we wanted, but it was in hopes of getting something better in the future.
Now we are informed that the city has no intention of enforcing it.
In May we also voted down a teacher's raise, but they all got a raise. Do we vote only to give our opinion? It seems we are wasting our time going to the polls.
Second Gilman's ice cream truck violated a city ordinance which prohibits the use of any device or apparatus for the purpose of making noise. There have been bread trucks tooting their horns up and down the streets of Medford for some time.
So, Councilman Stark, the exception has had the door open for some time.
A music box is quite pleasant compared to horn blaring. Is this just another "Stop Gilman's" deal?
Now that that boat owners' money will not be needed for enforcing the dog law, I suggest it be used to better boating facilities. The river is so congested at times that it is at the point of being dangerous. Surely the boat owners deserve something in return.
Miriam Doly
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Medford.

FUNERAL INSURANCE
The Oregon State Funeral Directors' Association (about 130 members) heartily recommend the Oregon Funeral Plan Insurance to you. It's wise to investigate now. May we assist you? We are Ashland's only member.
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Referring to Dr. Durno's stand on the Forand bill for free medical aid. This bill would, as Dr. Durno stated, make free medical care available to all on Social Security despite the fact that many are quite capable of paying their own way. Regardless of